

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – V&E Cases – Vigilance Report No.80 - Un-authorized storage of fertilizers in Ramapuram Village of Tada Mandal of SPSR Nellore District – Seizure and handing over of the entire seized stock to the same accused dealer unauthorizedly in violation of Essential Commodities Act, 1995 - Disciplinary action against Smt. S.N. Kanchana, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tada, Nellore District and presently working as Agricultural Officer (TA), O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Satyaveedu, Tirupathi District on OD basis, under A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Charge held proved - Imposition of the Minor penalty of “Withholding of one (1) Annual Grade Increment of Pay without cumulative effect”, under A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.09

Dated: 24/02/2025

Read the following

1. From the Director General (Vig. & Enft.) & E.O. Prl. Secy. to Govt., C.No.1503/V&E/D1/2011, Vigilance Report No.80, dt:21.10.2011.
2. Govt.Memo.No.12277/Vig.I-1/2011-1, dt:25-11-2011 & 19.10.2012 and 21.08.2014.
3. Proc. No.Vig.II(2)56/2021, dt.04.08.2021, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
4. Written Statement of Defense(WSD) dt.27.08.2021 of Smt. N. Kanchana, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tada, Nellore District.
5. Memo.No.Vig.II(2)56/2021(1), dt.13.09.2021, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur
6. Memo.No.Vig.II(2)56/2021(2), dt.13.09.2021, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur
7. Inquiry Report Rc.No.Enquiy/2021, dt.15.12.2021 of Sri G.Sivanarayana, Deputy Director of Agriculture (FTC), Nellore.
8. Memo.No.Vig.II(2)56/2021, dt.13.06.2022, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur
9. Written Representation dt.Nil of Smt. N. Kanchana, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tada, Nellore District.
10. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Letter No.Vig.II(2)56/2021, dt.31.03.2023.

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ORDER :

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General (Vig. & Enft.) & E.O. Prl. Secretary to Government, General Administration (V&E) Department A.P., has submitted a report regarding Un-authorized storage of fertilizers in Ramapuram Village of Tada Mandal of SPSR Nellore District and recommended to initiate disciplinary action as deemed fit against Smt. S.N. Kanchana, the then Mandal Agricultural Officer, Tada, Nellore District for handing over seized fertilizer stock to the accused dealer by violating the rules / procedure under Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

2. In the reference 2nd read above the Government have issued instructions to the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad, to initiate disciplinary action against the officers who are involved in the case and also requested to take necessary steps on other recommendations of the V&E Department and send action taken report to the Government for taking further action in the matter.

3. Accordingly, vide reference 3rd read above the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has initiated disciplinary action and issued Article of Charge against Smt. S.N. Kanchana, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tada, Nellore District and presently working as Agricultural Officer (TA), O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture(R), Satyaveedu, Tirupathi District on OD basis, with a direction to submit her Written Statement of Defense (WSD), duly accepting/denying the Charges framed against her.

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4. In the reference 4th read above, the charged officer Smt. S.N. Kanchana, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tada, Nellore District has submitted her Written Statement of Defense (WSD) duly denying the charge. Non satisfaction of her Defense statement, the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has appointed Sri G. Sivannarayana, Deputy Director of Agriculture (FTC), Nellore as Inquiry Officer in the reference 5th read above to conduct regular enquiry into the Charges framed against her.

5. Further, Sri A. Rajkumar, Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Sullurpeta SPSR Nellore District was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry Authority, on behalf of Government, in the reference 6th read above.

6. In the reference 7th read above, Sri G. Sivannarayana, Deputy Director of Agriculture (FTC), Nellore & Inquiry Authority has submitted his Inquiry Report, wherein he concluded that, charges framed against Smt. S.N. Kanchana are proved, as only procedural lapses occurred but no monetary loss occurred to the department and seized stock was also disposed among needy farmers.

7. In the reference 8th read above, the Inquiry Report was communicated to the Smt. S.N. Kanchana, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tada, Nellore District and Charged Officer has submitted her written Representation, in the reference 9th read above and requested to drop Charge framed against her and to exempt from disciplinary action.

8. In the reference 10th read above, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has recommended to drop further action against Smt. S.N. Kanchana, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tada, Nellore District, as no monetary loss occurred to the Dept. by her activity and illegally lifted stock recovered and disposed to needy farmers and the accused punished by the Court of Law.

9. The Government, after careful examination of the matter and in consultation with advisory Department, hereby impose the Minor penalty of "Withholding of one (1) Annual Grade Increment of Pay without cumulative effect", against Smt. S.N. Kanchana, the then Mandal Agricultural Officer, Tada and presently working as Agricultural Officer (TA), O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Satyaveedu, Tirupathi District on OD basis, under A.P.Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 for the Articles of Charge issued against her is held proved.

10. The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

11. The original records relating to the above said disciplinary case are returned herewith.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. RAJSEKHAR

EX-OFFICIO SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

Smt. S.N. Kanchana, the then Mandal Agricultural Officer, Tada and presently working as Agricultural Officer (TA), O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Satyaveedu, Tirupathi District on OD basis,
(through the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)
The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The Prl. Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The District Treasury Officer, SPSR Nellore District.
The District Agriculture Officer, SPSR Nellore District
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commissioner, A.P.V.C., 5th Block, 1st Floor,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, A.P.
Sf/Sc.

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SECTION OFFICER